BIO 181: Introduction to Biomolecular Simulation

Course Title: Introduction to Biomolecular Simulation
Abbreviated Course Title: Biomolecular Simulation
Course Subject: BIO
Course Number: 181
School Submitting Request: Natural Sciences
Division: Upper Division
Effective Term: Fall 2010
Discontinuance Term: ----
Lower Unit Limit: 4
Upper Unit Limit: 4
Prerequisites: Bio 2 and Chem 8 and (Math 11 or Math 21) and (Physics 8 or Physics 18) or Consent of Instructor

This course uses lectures and laboratory exercises to teach the principles and practice of molecular modeling with a focus on simulations of biological macromolecules. Topics covered include classical molecular dynamics, molecular mechanics, docking, and visualization. The computational laboratories will involve simulations of systems including water, micelles, DNA, and proteins.

TIE Code: T: Lecture plus Supplementary Activity
Reasons for Request: Pre-requisite Change
Brief Explanation of Change(s): Addition of Math 11 as a possible first semester calculus course requisite option. Changed Bio 100 to Bio 2 to reflect replacement of Bio 100 with Bio 2 in the Biology major curriculum (approved spring 2009)

Lecture: 3 contact, 3 non-contact
Lab: 3 contact, 2 non-contact
Seminar: 0 contact, 0 non-contact
Discussion: 1 contact, 0 non-contact
Tutorial: 0 contact, 0 non-contact
Field: 0 contact, 0 non-contact
Studio: 0 contact, 0 non-contact

Total Contact/Non-contact Hours Per Week: 12
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Grading Options: Pass/No Pass Option for Everyone
In Progress Grading:
Maximum Enrollment: 120
Maximum Enrollment Reason: ----
Cross-listing: May be conjoined with QSB 281.
Conjoined

Cross-listed Schools
Natural Sciences

Can this course be repeated?
No

How many times?

Resource Requirements
Lecture room with LCD projector; Computer laboratory with internet-linked computers running Unix/Linux; TAs per school policy for lab/discussion sections.

Does this satisfy a General Education Requirement? Yes

Course Outline and/or Additional Documentation
Math 11 12 repeat fall 2010 memo.doc (82Kb)